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NOTE FOR:

SUBJECT: Possible Problem, Which May Now Be a Non-Problem

1. As I was dutifully clearing my boxes, I ran across the attached packet of three documents on which I would appreciate your comments. As you will see, the packet consists of a 22 May 1974 memorandum to the DCI (among others) from General Graham, a rebuttal, in effect, to Mr. Proctor from Mr. Knoche, and a sample information report from a source in question.

2. It seems to me that although General Graham has some areas of legitimate concern, he is firing off a trifle half cocked. To my lay eye Knoche's answer is both reasoned and persuasive. It is always true, of course, that reports from good but particularly sensitive sources are hard to handle. ~~with~~ The better the source, the greater seems to be a risk of his or its being compromised if you use his or its information, some of which has to have come from a finite range of possible places. In this instance, however, it is my understanding that the take from the source in question is being properly considered and ground into the machinery. If this is so, the concrete problem General Graham addresses may be a non-problem, though the broader issue will remain with us as long as we have first-rate sources -- and I would rather have the problem than not have it.

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